

against the proposition: "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

Passed by the House on May 9, 1997: Yeas 112, Nays 36, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 31 on May 29, 1997: Yeas 116, Nays 25, 2 present, not voting; the House adopted H.C.R. No. 326 authorizing certain corrections in H.J.R. No. 31 on May 31, 1997, by a non-record vote; passed the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 1997: Yeas 22, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; the Senate adopted H.C.R. No. 326 authorizing certain corrections in H.J.R. No. 31 on June 1, 1997, by a viva-voce vote.

Filed with the Secretary of State June 3, 1997.

H.J.R. No. 55

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 31, Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Section 1, Article II, of this constitution and any other provision of this constitution, if the supreme court does not act on a motion for rehearing before the 180th day after the date on which the motion is filed, the motion is denied.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 1997. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

Passed by the House on April 16, 1997: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 1997: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 59

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment limiting debt payable from the general revenue fund.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 49-j to read as follows:

Sec. 49-j. (a) The legislature may not authorize additional state debt if the resulting annual debt service exceeds the limitation imposed by this section. The maximum annual debt service in any fiscal year on state debt payable from the general revenue fund may not exceed five percent of an amount equal to the average of the amount of general revenue fund revenues, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt, for the three preceding fiscal years.

(b) For purposes of this section, "state debt payable from the general revenue fund" means general obligation and revenue bonds, including authorized but unissued bonds, and lease-purchase agreements in an amount greater than \$250,000, which bonds or lease purchase agreements are designed to be repaid with the general revenues of the state. The term does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith or credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from other revenue sources and that are not expected to create a general revenue draw. Bonds or lease purchase agreements that pledge the full faith and credit of